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§4-1B-03.

(a) Subject to subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the Attorney General shall appoint the Ombudsman.

(b) The Ombudsman shall have been admitted to practice law in the State.

(c) (1) The Office of the Attorney General shall publish, on its Web site, notice of the Attorney General's intent to consider applicants for the Ombudsman position.

(2) The notice shall include:

- (i) application procedures;
- (ii) criteria for evaluating an applicant's qualifications; and
- (iii) procedures for resolving any conflicts of interest.

(3) (i) An individual may submit to the Attorney General an application for the Ombudsman position as provided under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(ii) The Office of the Attorney General shall post on its Web site the names and qualifications of applicants.

(d) (1) The term of the Ombudsman is 4 years.

(2) At the end of a term, the Ombudsman continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(3) An Ombudsman who is appointed after a term begins serves for the remainder of the term until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(e) The Ombudsman shall be a full-time State employee.

(f) The Ombudsman is entitled to an annual salary as provided for in the State budget.

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